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Viewing cable 04COLOMBO11, Ambassador delivers Secretary Powell's letter to President Kumaratunga

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04COLOMBO11	2004-01-05 11:15	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Colombo

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SUBJECT: Ambassador delivers Secretary Powell's letter to President Kumaratunga
Refs: (A) 03 Colombo 2200
- (B) 03 State 348254

(U) Classified by Ambassador Jeffrey J. Lunstead. Reasons 1.5 (b, d).

¶1. (C) SUMMARY: Ambassador delivered Secretary Powell's letter to President Kumaratunga on Jan 2. Ambassador urged President to seek soluti

¶2. (C) Ambassador called on President Chandrika Kumaratunga (CBK) on Friday, January 2 to deliver letter from Secretary Powell (Ref B). (Amf SIPDIS said it was necessary to clarify responsibilities so that the peace process could resume.

¶3. (C) President asked that Ambassador convey her thanks to the Secretary for his letter and to wish him a speedy recovery. She said that st

¶4. (C) In the meantime, she said, the LTTE had contacted her several times to tell her that they were willing to negotiate with her. She had

¶5. (C) Ambassador said that the PM had told him that he was willing to compromise with her, and that he was not insisting that she have "onl

¶6. (C) Ambassador then recalled that at the beginning of the conversation, he had mentioned the bold steps she had taken to deal with the thr

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¶7. (C) Ambassador also spoke Jan 2 to Indian High Commissioner Sen, who has been working this issue actively with the PM and the President.

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¶8. (C) Ambassador also had a short telephone conversation Jan 2 with Trade Minister, and UNP hard- liner, Ravi Karunanayake. Ravi said that

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¶9. (C) Ambassador told both PM and President that we did not intend to release the letters, but that they could do so if they wanted to. It

COMMENT

¶10. (C) We believe that there is still an opportunity for a solution, but that if there is to be one, it will have to involve some real divis
END COMMENT.

¶11. (U) Minimize considered.

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